

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending.

Claims 1, 4 and 7 are independent claims.

Foreign Priority:

The indication that the foreign priority documents have been received and placed in the file is noted.

Information Disclosure Statement:

The indication that the documents on the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on August 16, 2004 have been considered is noted.

Drawing Objection:

In Sections 1 and 2 of the Office Action, the drawings were objected to. With respect to the objection, enclosed herewith are two (2) sheets of replacement sheets for Figure 1 and Figure 4 to place the drawing sheets in the correct form as requested by the Examiner.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the objection to the drawings.

Claim Objections:

Claims 1-3 and 9 are objected to for the reasons set forth in Section 3 of the Office Action.

These claims have been amended and are now in proper form.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the objection to the claims.

Reply to Rejections:

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Gotoh, et al. (USP 6,075,958). This rejection is traversed.

The claimed invention allows the knobs 27 (first operating member) and 28 (second operating member) to be exposed and rendered operable by opening only the side cabinet 21b. In other words, the claimed invention only requires “one action”. In the Gotoh et al. reference, in contrast, the paper feeding knob 74 (the operating member) cannot be activated without opening both of the front cover 70 and the side cover 71. In other words, the Gotoh reference requires “at least two actions”.

As amended, the base claims are not anticipated by Gotoh et al. as each and every limitation now set forth is not shown either specifically or inherently in the reference. Also, as amended the base claims, when the side cabinet is closed, the members are concealed and when the side cabinet is opened, the members are exposed. This is not shown or suggested by the reference applied.

Although the claims have been amended, they are also not obvious for the reasons set forth above. Also, the present claimed invention with respect to the original claims amended provide a result, *i.e.* wherein the present device provides only “one action” wherein the Gotoh et al. reference requires “at least two actions” as explained above.

Before jumping to a conclusion of obviousness, results must be considered as mandated by the Court. See *The Gillette Co. v. S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc.* 16 USPQ2d 1923, 1928 (Fed. Cir. 1990), wherein the Court stated as follows:

An analysis of obviousness of a claimed combination must include consideration of the results achieved by that combination. As we explained in *Interconnect Planning Corp. v. Feil*, 774 F.2d 1132, 1143, 227 USPQ 543, 551 (Fed. Cir. 1985): [cited in MPEP]

With respect to the dependent claims, these claims are considered patentable at least for the same reasons as their base or intervening claims.

For the reasons set forth above, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

New Claims:

New claims 11-16 have been added. These claims are dependent claims and are considered patentable at least for the same reasons as their base or intervening claims. Additionally, these claims add other features, which are not shown or suggested by the reference applied.

Additional Art Cited:

Additional art was cited in Section 6 of the Office Action. As this art has not been applied, no comments are considered necessary.

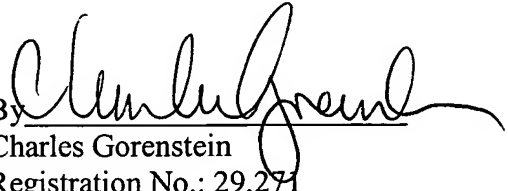
CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Elliot A. Goldberg (Registration No. 33,347), at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Attachments: Replacement Sheet of Figure 1 and Figure 4